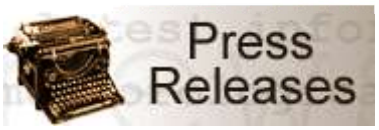

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SUMMER'S COMING - MET. OFFICE LAUNCHES COMFORT INDEX

Summer is just around the corner Met. Office forecasters are promising today, and in response to requests from the public The Met. Office is launching a comfort index. Hot, sunny weather becomes increasingly uncomfortable for some people as humidity rises, particularly in inland areas away from refreshing sea breezes. The comfort index will look at the combined effect of high temperatures and humidity, and will offer advice as to how sticky it will feel on hot summer days.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at The Met. Office said: "During hot spells in recent summers members of the public have asked us for advice on humidity and comfort levels. Over the coming week pleasant summery weather should arrive over much of England and Wales. Most areas will become dry and sunny with temperatures reaching 27°C by Friday."

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